

## REMARKS

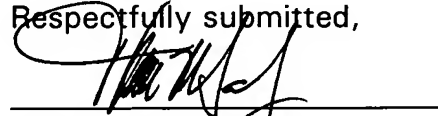
Entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 15-36 is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Initially, applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 19-21, 24, 25, 30-32, 35-36 if rewritten in independent form and of the withdrawal of the previous grounds of objection. By this amendment, the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance (with some minor additional corrections to the preamble of certain dependent claims).

Finally, Applicant hereby requests a second and third-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A PTO-2038 form in the amount of \$ 420.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the balance of the official fee due. (a one-month extension fee was already paid on July 30, 2004). In the event of any deficiency for the required amount for an extension of time, please debit Deposit Account No. 07-0130.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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